



STOUGHTON

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Stoughton is a medium sized suburban community with great ethnic and religious diversity. Stoughton is located twenty miles south, southwest of Boston. The town is primarily a residential community with an excellent range of commercial properties that provide jobs, economic prosperity and non-residential tax dollars. The community takes pride in the Stoughton Technology Center, world headquarters for a major manufacturer of footwear as well as many family owned businesses. Stoughton is still a very comfortable community in which to live and work, with excellent schools. Cultural, athletic and social activities are numerous and homes reasonable affordable. An excellent place to live for those commuting to Boston, Stoughton is located conveniently to downtown Boston by both MBTA commuter rail and by interstate highways, with MBTA rapid transit a short drive away. These same interstate highways (Routes 24, 93 and 95) also bring Stoughton within an easy commuting distance to most suburban job locations.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Sharon on the west, Canton on the north, Randolph on the northeast, Avon on the east, and Brockton and Easton on the south. Stoughton is 5 miles north of Brockton, 16 miles north of Taunton, 17 miles south of Boston, and 206 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 16.27 sq. miles

Land Area: 16.04 sq. miles

Population: 26,777

Density: 1,669 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Blue Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....49.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Brockton, Blue Hills, Mansfield, Norwood

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 341-1300

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1726

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	14,947		
Democrats	5,334	35.7	%
Republicans	1,632	10.9	%
Other parties	2	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	7,979	53.4	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Stoughton town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	27,149	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	27,149	100.0
Male.....	13,027	48.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	419	1.5
Female.....	14,122	52.0	Mexican.....	44	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,522	5.6	Puerto Rican.....	128	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	1,715	6.3	Cuban.....	25	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,831	6.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	222	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	1,574	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	26,730	98.5
20 to 24 years.....	1,288	4.7	White alone.....	23,751	87.5
25 to 34 years.....	3,619	13.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	4,647	17.1	Total population.....	27,149	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	4,027	14.8	In households.....	26,687	98.3
55 to 59 years.....	1,642	6.0	Householder.....	10,254	37.8
60 to 64 years.....	1,181	4.4	Spouse.....	5,720	21.1
65 to 74 years.....	2,107	7.8	Child.....	8,274	30.5
75 to 84 years.....	1,503	5.5	Own child under 18 years.....	5,534	20.4
85 years and over.....	493	1.8	Other relatives.....	1,459	5.4
Median age (years).....	39.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	488	1.8
18 years and over.....	21,057	77.6	Nonrelatives.....	980	3.6
Male.....	9,824	36.2	Unmarried partner.....	449	1.7
Female.....	11,233	41.4	In group quarters.....	462	1.7
21 years and over.....	20,246	74.6	Institutionalized population.....	449	1.7
62 years and over.....	4,797	17.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	13	-
65 years and over.....	4,103	15.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,622	6.0	Total households.....	10,254	100.0
Female.....	2,481	9.1	Family households (families).....	7,267	70.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	3,107	30.3
One race.....	26,530	97.7	Married-couple family.....	5,720	55.8
White.....	24,017	88.5	With own children under 18 years.....	2,425	23.6
Black or African American.....	1,548	5.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,191	11.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	28	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	560	5.5
Asian.....	580	2.1	Nonfamily households.....	2,987	29.1
Asian Indian.....	152	0.6	Householder living alone.....	2,505	24.4
Chinese.....	192	0.7	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,018	9.9
Filipino.....	60	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	3,426	33.4
Japanese.....	12	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,778	27.1
Korean.....	54	0.2	Average household size.....	2.60	(X)
Vietnamese.....	53	0.2	Average family size.....	3.13	(X)
Other Asian ¹	57	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	13	-	Total housing units.....	10,488	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	10,254	97.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	3	-	Vacant housing units.....	234	2.2
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	8	-	occasional use.....	59	0.6
Some other race.....	344	1.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	619	2.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.2	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	10,254	100.0
White.....	24,513	90.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	7,642	74.5
Black or African American.....	1,772	6.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,612	25.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	97	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.78	(X)
Asian.....	689	2.5	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.07	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	20	0.1			
Some other race.....	706	2.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 238

Conventional Federal: 40

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 37

Federal (Section 8): 49



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Stoughton is situated in the Greater Brockton Area, which is strategically located between State Route 128 and Interstate 495, the inner and outer loops around Boston. State Routes 3, 24, and 28 provide easy access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 27, 138 and 139, and the Fall River Expressway, State Route 24, running N-S between the Boston area and Fall River.

Rail

Commuter rail service is available to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston. Travel time to BBS: 30-39 minutes. MBTA parking: 500 spaces. Conrail provides freight service to Stoughton and has a lumber transfer and distribution center there. Contact number: (781) 783-6222

Bus

Stoughton is a member of the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT), which provides fixed route service between Brockton and Stoughton.

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Stoughton Historical Society

Lucius Clapp Memorial

(781) 344-5456

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Goddard Memorial Hospital
New England Sinai Hospital

Long Term Care

Blue Hills Convalescent Home
Norfolk Nursing Home

Hospices

Old Colony Hospice, Inc.

Rest Homes

Weekes Rest Home, Inc.

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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